

Awards

The BSA has worked to promote Sociology and represent sociologists in Britain since 1951. The Association publicly recognises the outstanding contributions that individual members and sociologists make to the discipline in a number of ways, including through award schemes.

In 2012 the following awards were conferred:

Distinguished Service to British Sociology Award
Jennifer Platt

Publications Prizes

Philip Abrams Memorial Prize
Zowie Davy
Michael Skeay

SAGE Prizes for Innovation and/or Excellence

Cultural Sociology
Andrew Smith

Sociological Research Online
María Perez-y-Perez
Tony Stanley

Sociology – Joint Winners
Carol Smart
Henry Yeomans

Work, employment and society
Clare Lyonette
Gayle Kaufman
Rosemary Crompton

Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness Book of the Year Prize
Nelly Oudshoorn

Phil Strong Memorial Prize
Andrew Smith
Timothy Banks

Teaching Prize

BSA/HEA National Award for Excellence in Teaching Sociology
Geoff Payne
Malcolm Williams

Membership

The BSA is the largest sociological network in the UK with membership at the end of 2012 at 2,561. Through our study groups, which are very much the life blood of our membership, we reach an estimated extended network of about 5,000 participants. Recent years have seen encouraging growth in our membership. Between 2009 and 2012, the number of members increased from 2,228 to 2,561, a growth of 16%.

Anyone who is engaged in, has influenced or is interested in contributing to the promotion of Sociology is encouraged to become a BSA member. BSA members include researchers, teachers and students, as well as practitioners in many fields. Indeed, sociologists outside academia have become a significant group within the association, enabling the BSA to develop, reach and influence across a number of fields, developing the authority of the BSA to speak for Sociology in the UK.

With the implementation of substantial changes in the way publications are funded, membership will become an increasingly vital source of income for the BSA. We plan to be proactive and to work hard to grow the membership in the coming year, while increasing and enhancing the benefits and services available to BSA members. This will include turning potential members into actual members, exploring new forms of membership and exploring how we can improve the already excellent support offered for running and organising events.

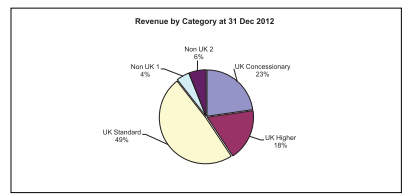
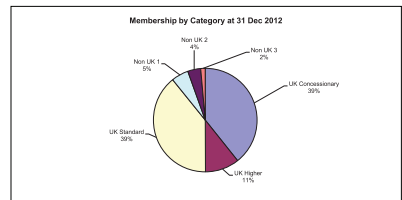
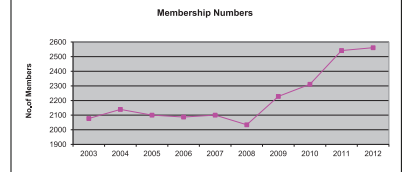
Membership provides access to a package of services including a monthly eNewsletter, three issues a year of the BSA magazine *Network*, professional advice and support in a number of areas, a range of face-to-face and virtual networking and career opportunities, enabling members to meet and collaborate with others who share an interest in Sociology. Over the last 12 months the Association continued to promote the discipline by hosting over 50 events, including the Annual Conference in Leeds, high-profile Presidential events and specialised study group events. Through the website, the BSA promotes worldwide sociological events, calls for papers and a range of other opportunities, including a jobs board.

The BSA has numerous reciprocal arrangements with other sociological associations, which means that BSA members can attend other association events at reduced rates and enjoy all the benefits the associations offer. We will actively look to grow these interdisciplinary networks in the coming year, aiming to build membership benefits in all areas.

BSA members select to receive print journals *Sociology* or *Work, employment & society* free as part of their membership. They can also subscribe to *Cultural Sociology* at a much reduced rate. Members are also eligible for other journal and book discounts by ordering direct from SAGE Publications. In addition to print journals, BSA members have free online access to the SAGE Sociology Full-Text Collection, which includes the full searchable text of 40 journals published by SAGE and participating societies, encompassing over 46,000 articles and up to 60 years of backfiles.

The BSA support fund continues to be an important source of financial support for our 'UK concessionary' members. Successful applicants benefit from support of up to £250 to assist with research-related expenses and conference and event attendance. The Association's property (purchased in 2009), located in south west London, continues to provide a key resource for members and many meetings have taken place there, including Council, Post Graduate Forum, Honorary Vice Presidents, Journal Editorial Boards and numerous study groups.

Dr Kay Peggs and Dr David Mellor
Membership Services Directors



Conferences and Events

In 2012, the BSA's annual conference was a great success. Over 50 other major conferences and study group events were organised across the country, covering a wide range of research interests and intellectual needs and catering for members at all career stages.

The main event in the Association's calendar is the BSA Annual Conference, held at the University of Leeds in 2012. We had 702 delegates in attendance. There were 729 abstract submissions of which 622 were accepted. The theme for the conference was Sociology in an Age of Austerity. The plenaries explored this theme: Stephen Ackroyd and Rosemary Batt reflected on the 'Impact of Financialization on Management and Labor' while asking the question 'austerity for some?'; Zygmunt Bauman revisited his notion of liquid modernity and Michael Burawoy reflected on occupations.

The conference ran a wide range of simultaneous specialist streams, many led by study groups. The stream plenaries developed the conference theme and some bridged a number of streams. These included the following: 'Olympic Follies? Promises, Pleasures and Betrayals'; 'Gender, Violence and the Cuts'; 'City Margins and Sub/Urban Marginality'; 'Expulsions: A Category for our Age'; 'Food in an Age of Austerity'; 'Family Lives and Intimate Ties across National Boundaries and Cultural Divides'; 'Hard Times and the Role of Religion'; 'Education and Social Mobility in an Age of Austerity'; 'Ethnicity and Health: The Role of Social and Economic Inequalities'; 'The Changing Governance of Science and Technology in an Age of Austerity'; 'The Fallout from Austerity'; 'Debate on the Perspectives in the Sociology of Race and Ethnic Relations'. Each plenary featured international speakers in their fields. In combination, the streams covered major areas of substantive, theoretical and methodological interest to sociologists.

The Postgraduate Forum also ran very successful pre-conference workshops. Sixty-nine delegates attended and speakers included Zygmunt Bauman, Ian Farnden, Rose Barbour, Sally Power, John Holmwood, Susan Jones and Mark Carrigan.

Getting published was an important event theme at the conference. Events were held on peer reviewing and on journal publishing. The Editors of the BSA journals were available to speak to delegates about the BSA journals and about proposed papers and papers in progress.

There was a dynamic BSA Annual Members' Meeting at which members met trustees, heard about the year's highlights, asked questions and made suggestions about BSA policies and activities.

The President continued his sequence of successful high-profile events, both at the Annual Conference and throughout the year. At the conference he contemplated the public impact and public value of Sociology. Later in the year, his events included 'Sociology, Suffering and Humanitarianism' and 'Understanding the Financial Crisis: Sociology, Political Economy and Heterodox Economics'. Both events included presentations from a range of distinguished speakers and were attended by enthusiastic audiences at the British Library Conference Centre, London. These events were also shared by webcast, leaving a recorded legacy.

The second annual BSA/British Library Equality Lecture took place in June 2012 and was a great success. Danny Doring spoke about the need to celebrate greater equality to an audience of around 180 people. *Work, employment and society* held its successful 25th Anniversary Conference in October in the Conference Centre in the British Library. Plenary Speakers included Catherine Hakim, Richard Hyman, Arne Kalleberg, Linda McDowell, Ruth Milkman, Philip Taylor, and Karel Williams.

The BSA's active network of study groups once again organised a diverse range of events throughout 2012. The new Teaching Study Group held its launch event in September, followed by the inaugural event of the Science and Technology Study Group in November. As always the Medical Sociology Groups were very active and held a large, successful Annual Conference. Twenty-two annual conferences and symposia were also held by many of the BSA study groups. Many of these are regular annual events and demonstrate the liveliness and dynamism of the study group networks.

Several very successful postgraduate day schools were held across the UK as well. We received 9 expressions of interest to hold postgraduate events in 2012. The BSA supports eight events per year and, in 2012, they included events organised by postgraduates in East London, Bolton, Birmingham, York, London, Coventry, Newcastle and Leicester.

Throughout the year, a number of events focused specifically on early-career sociologists. For example in the autumn the Early Career Forum facilitated an intensive funding application course in conjunction with Yvette Taylor from the Weeks Centre at London South Bank University.

We are eagerly looking forward to the 2013 programme of events. The BSA's next Annual Conference in London promises to be an excellent event. Confirmed keynote speakers on the conference theme of Engaging Sociology include Elijah Anderson, John Holmwood and Polly Toinbe.



Publishing

BSA Publications has had another very successful year despite the looming shadow of Open Access publishing policies and models. BSA journals continue to be high profile within the field, each of them performing well in an increasingly challenging HE environment. The Cardiff-based Editorial Team for *Sociology* has now completed their term of office, leaving the journal in great standing thanks to their hard work and dedication. From January 2013, editorial responsibilities were taken over by a new team from the Open University and the University of Surrey; they come to the role with excellent credentials. *Work, employment and society* Editors continue to raise the already excellent profile of the journal, which is one of the leaders in its field. *Cultural Sociology* is now well established and continues to expand its international reputation; 2012 marked 5 years of publication for this relatively new journal launched in 2007. In a similar way, *Sociological Research Online* has attracted innovative, high quality submissions and continues to publish well received rapid response articles.

More generally, the Publications Directors and Deputies have been preoccupied with the complexities of Open Access publishing, keeping ahead of a demanding set of debates and policies. They have compiled an Open Access Guide for BSA members to brief them on this critical change to academic publishing and to assist them in making sense of current developments and future implications. http://www.britisoc.co.uk/media/49586/Open_Access_Publishing_a_guide_to_recent_policies_web.pdf Other publications news includes the consideration of ways to expand our publishing portfolio, as well as steady progress on the online key articles in British Sociology collection (www.sagebsa.co.uk) which contains BSA articles and comment from leading sociologists. Finally, the Philip Abrams Memorial Prize has had the largest ever number of first monographs submitted this year, including some excellent examples of innovative topics, plus high quality research and writing by early career British sociologists. The winner will be announced at annual conference. An excellent year all round for the publications group.

Prof Eileen Green and Prof Garry Crawford
Publications Directors



Journals

The BSA currently publishes two journals – *Sociology* and *Work, employment and society*. BSA Publications Ltd has a share in two other journals: *Sociological Research Online* and *Cultural Sociology*.



Cultural Sociology

David Inglis and Andrew Blaikie (University of Aberdeen)
Robin Wagner-Pacifici (New School of Social Research, NYC, USA)

Chris Thorpe (Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen)
Garry Crawford (University of Salford)
Rudi Laermans (Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium)
and Dagmar Danko (University of Freiburg, Germany)

16 Editorial Board members, 38 International Advisory Board members

4 issues per year (March, July, September and December)

Sociological Research Online

Rachel Brooks and Paul Hodgkinson (University of Surrey)

Edwin van Teijlingen (Bournemouth University) and Emma Casey (Kingston University)

Nigel Gilbert (University of Surrey)

Chair of Editorial Board 2012 - 2015: Yvette Taylor (London South Bank University)

Editorial Assistant: Catherine Törnet (University of Surrey)

10 Management Board members, 46 Editorial Board members

4 issues per year (February, May, August and November)

SRO has been published on the World Wide Web since March 1996.

Sociology

Amanda Coffey, Thomas Hall, Sally Power and Amanda Robinson (Cardiff University)

Editors 2013 – 2015: Karim Murji (Open University), Sarah Neal (University of Surrey), Sophie Watson (Open University), Kath Woodward (Open University)

Chair of Editorial Board 2011 - 2014: John Offer (University of Ulster)

25 Editorial Board members, 23 Associate Board members and 14 International Advisory Board members

6 issues per year (February, April, June, August, October and December)

Work, Employment and Society

Editors-in-chief 2011 - 2013: Irena Grugulis (Durham University) & Mark Stuart (University of Leeds)

Editors 2011 - 2013: Chris Forde, Ian Kirkpatrick, Robert MacKenzie, Jennifer Tomlinson (University of Leeds)

Chair of Editorial Board 2012 - 2015: Andrew Danford (University of the West of England)

29 Editorial Board members, 30 Associate Board members and 27 International Advisory Board members

6 issues per year (February, April, June, August, October and December)

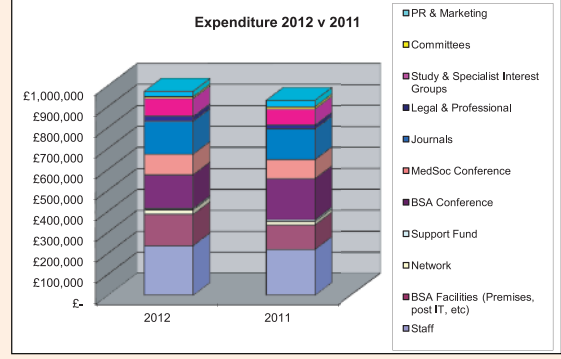
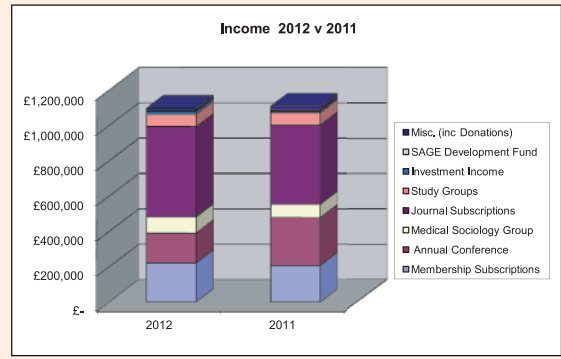
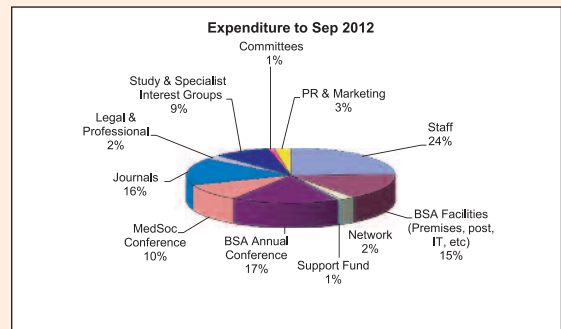
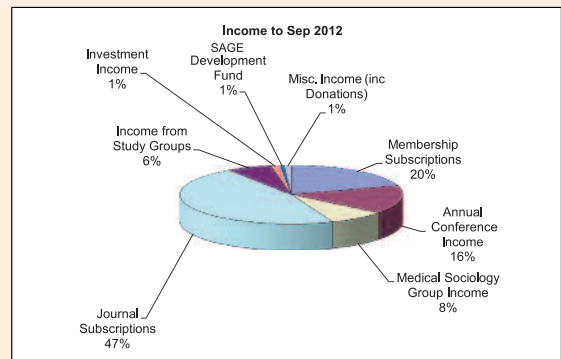
Financial Review

Auditors Haines Watts were reappointed for year-end 30 September 2012. They have continued to enhance financial controls within the organisation.

The three principal sources of income for the Association are membership subscriptions, annual conference registration fees and publication sales. This income is used to meet a range of expenditures connected to the provision of services to members and support for the wider promotion of Sociology. Staff salaries at the BSA office are the principal financial outlay (the position of trustee is voluntary and carries no stipend).

The year-end consolidated financial statements for the Association in 2011/12 show a healthy financial surplus of £140k against a surplus budget of £5k. This is an encouraging result, mainly attributable to the success of the royalties from the BSA/SAGE journals (additional £129,000). In 2012/13, the Association is working to a £5k deficit budget.

The Association holds unrestricted reserves of £623,000, sufficient to enable the running down of the Association over a period of one year should members vote to discontinue the Association or it prove no longer financially or otherwise viable. Additional reserves are maintained as designated funds for BSA study groups (approx. £273,000), a pension liability fund in the event of withdrawal from the current scheme (£78,000) and the London property (£356,000).



Status, Constitution and Governance

The British Sociological Association (BSA) is an incorporated Association and is registered as a *Company Limited by Guarantee and Not Having a Share Capital* under company registration number 3890729. The Association holds charitable status under registration number 1080235. As a charity, the Association controls a trading subsidiary: BSA Publications Limited. BSA Publications Limited publishes sociological journals on behalf of the parent body, the British Sociological Association.

The activities of the BSA are overseen by an elected Council made up of ordinary members of the Association. Elected members of Council are the legal trustees of the Association. Current activities in any given year are driven and directed by an Executive Management Team made up of trustees elected from within the Council and supported by a dedicated staff team based at the Association's registered offices in Durham.

Risk Management

Trustees review the Association's objectives and identify the major risks (within and beyond the Association's direct control) to which the charity may be exposed on an annual basis. For the financial year under consideration, a review was undertaken in September 2012 with discussion around a range of risks facing the Association. As well as meeting the requirements of charity law, the review provides an excellent basis for forward planning.

Short-, medium- and long-term risks identified included the following: the protection of the Association's reserves in the current economic climate; cuts in Higher Education funding; meeting journals' production deadlines; publishing industry developments in relation to journals; open access; editorial team appointments; impact of full economic costing; membership retention and recruitment. More details of the BSA risk register are available on request and are included in the Annual Accounts as part of the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Association.

Mr Roland Potter
Treasurer

Website & IT 2012

IT - General

In accordance with the Association's IT renewal policy, 2012 included an upgrade of the majority of the office hardware and software. After being in service for nearly six years, the BSA's existing servers were also decommissioned and replaced. The new servers deliver improved network performance; a more robust and reliable infrastructure; larger storage and backup; and scalability.

Due to ongoing issues with broadband services within the office building, 2012 also saw the installation of a leased line which provides highly reliable, flexible and uncontended fixed Internet access services to the office.

Website

Development of the new BSA website began in 2012 with the appointment of a web design partner. The new site aims to deliver ease of use; improved navigation and functionality; better facilities for BSA members; and a rebranded design. Watch out for the launch in 2013!

The Association's social media following goes from strength to strength, with our Facebook page having over 3,600 fans and Twitter feed having over 2,000 followers (at 21 February 2013). Both continue to grow on a daily basis.

Visits to the BSA website reached 175,000 over the course of the year; however, this did signify a 19% decrease in traffic from 2011 which may be attributable to the difficult navigation and dated look and feel of the website which was reported in our 2011 website survey. The Jobs Board continues to be the most popular webpage, achieving over 31,000 views, followed by the 'What is Sociology' page with 25,000.

Communications Activity 2012

Communications consultant, Tony Trueman (Acamedia) issued 17 press releases, took over 50 calls from the media and wrote and edited three editions of *Network* during 2012.

Coverage:

Directly as a result of press releases, the BSA was mentioned in the following media:

National radio – 5 times

Local radio – 4 times

Magazines - 5 times

This is a total of 195 items in 2012 (72 in 2011).

Tony commissioned 16 articles for *Network* and sub-edited around 220. Each edition of *Network* carries around 25,000 words. Tony attended the BSA Annual and MedSoc Conferences and gave a training course to academics at the University of Edinburgh.

National newspapers and websites – 13 times (including *The Guardian* and the *Daily Telegraph*)

Local media websites – 134 times

Specialist media online – 27 times

International media online – 7 times

Consultations and Representations

An important role of the Association is to represent the interests of members and the discipline in both academic and broader public environments. We would like to thank the many individual members who gave their time and energy during the year to contribute to consultations, represent the BSA at strategic events and respond to requests for support and collaboration from allied organisations, including:

Assessment and Qualifications Association (AQA)

British Academy

British Academy

Campaign for Public Universities

Campaign for Social Sciences

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

ESRC

European Sociological Association (ESA)

Guardian

Government

Identification of representatives from Sociology at AQA A-level to expert panel meetings and provision of support for their attendance

Contribution to the Position Statement on Quantitative Skills

Signatory to a joint learned society statement supporting the Position Statement on Quantitative Skills

Provision of general support throughout the year

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Submission of evidence to the evaluation of National Centre for Research Methods

Response to the Advanced Training Network Consultation

Response to the ESA stakeholder survey

Submission of evidence and responses regarding the important work being undertaken by sociologists on the financial crisis

Submission of evidence to the House of Lords Science and Technology Select Committee Short Enquiry into the implementation of the Government Open Access Policy

Higher Education Authority (HEA)

Nuffield Foundation and Science Community

Representing Education (SCORE)

Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (OFQUAL)

Research Excellence Framework (REF)

Royal Statistical Society

Submission of evidence for the 2012-13 stakeholder survey

Response to the draft report on the mathematical content of assessments at A-level (business studies, computing, economics, geography, psychology and sociology for Nuffield, and biology, chemistry and physics for SCORE)

Response to the consultation on the proposals for the reform of A-levels in England

Submission of nominations for the 2014 Expert User Panels

Identification of representatives from Sociology and provision of support for their attendance at the Royal Statistical Society regarding quantitative skills and the use of statistics in Sociology

Network

Editorial Team 2012/13:

Editorial Advisory Group 2012/13:

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Issues per year: 3 issues (Spring, Summer, Autumn/Winter)

Tony Trueman
Judith Mudd
Carrie Dunn
Max Farrar
Nic Groombridge
Abbott Katz
Melanie Lang
David Morgan
Kate Woodthorpe